



Idaho Division of Veterans Services

Cemetery Office – 10100 N. Horseshoe Bend Rd., Boise, ID 83714

The Idaho State Veterans Cemetery...

The Idaho State Veterans Cemetery is located in northwest Boise and sits majestically in the foothills of the Rockies on 76.5 acres adjacent to Dry Creek Cemetery. The site is just north of Hill Road and east of Horseshoe Bend Road (Old State Hwy 55). The Cemetery entrance is shared with Dry Creek Cemetery.

In 2002, the J.L. Terteling Company donated approximately 40 acres in two parcels to the State of Idaho. The remaining acreage was purchased from Dry Creek Cemetery District. The Cemetery was made possible by a grant from the Veterans Administration State Cemetery Grants Service.

Governor DIRK KEMPTHORNE presided at the dedication of the Cemetery on July 31, 2004 before a crowd of over 3,000 veterans and supporters. SPC Brandon Titus was killed by enemy fire on August 17th while serving in Iraq and became the first interment in the new cemetery on August 30, 2004. The official opening of the cemetery was in November 2004.

Veteran Burial Benefits...

Eligibility for interment in the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery mirrors National Veterans Cemetery eligibility requirements. There is no requirement to be a resident of the state of Idaho.

Interment fees for eligible veterans are paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Associated funeral expenses and preparation are not included and are incurred by the Veteran's family or estate.

Veterans and families are able to choose:

- A columbarium niche, cremation inurnment that includes an inscribed, granite niche cover;
- An in-ground, garden niche, cremation inurnment that includes a flush-to-the-ground inscribed, granite marker;
- A scattering garden, set in a natural draw of the Boise foothills, that includes a location for an inscribed marker in memory of the deceased;
- A full casket, in-ground interment that includes an inscribed, upright granite marker.

Military Funeral Honors are coordinated by the Cemetery. Honors include the playing of Taps, folding of the flag and its presentation to the next-of-kin. An Honor Guard detail of at least two members of the Armed Services is provided for the interment service of the eligible Veteran.

Pre-Registration...

Pre-registration allows a Veteran and spouse to establish in advance, their eligibility for interment at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. There is no cost for pre-registration and it does not obligate the Veteran to be interred at the Cemetery. Pre-registration is intended to simplify and assist the Veteran's next-of-kin at the time of death. The key items for pre-registration are a copy of the Veteran's discharge papers and, for married Veterans, a copy of the marriage certificate.

About the Cemetery...

The Stars & Stripes flies in silent vigil 24 hours a day on a magnificent hilltop setting overlooking the Treasure Valley. Set against a backdrop of native grasses and nestled in the Boise foothills of the Rocky Mountains to the north, visitors have a spectacular view of the Owyhee Mountains to the southwest.

An **Information Kiosk**, located adjacent to the public restrooms, contains an electronic grave locator and is available to the public daily from 8:00 am to sunset, 7 days a week. It includes the names of the Veterans interred in the Cemetery and provides gravesite information to assist with locating the individual's resting site.

Interment services take place in the **Committal Shelter**, an attractive building situated to provide a reverent setting of honor while drawing from the peace and beauty of the special features of the cemetery and its surroundings.

Memorial Walk, along side Memorial Drive leading to the POW/MIA Circle, allows visitors to view commemorative plaques and benches donated by various service and civic organizations. This walkway also gives visitors a chance to reflect upon the countless men and women who dedicated their lives to the freedoms we all enjoy.

Our **Avenue of Flags** program allows donation to the Cemetery of a deceased Veteran's flag, which is then flown on special occasions, such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and the Fourth of July.

Resources of Interest...

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| • Idaho Division of Veterans Services | http://www.idvs.state.id.us/ |
| • Idaho State Veterans Cemetery | http://www.idvs.state.id.us/cemeterynew.html |
| • Department of Veterans Affairs | http://www.va.gov/ |
| • National Cemetery Administration | http://www.cem.va.gov/ |
| • Burial Benefits Eligibility | http://www.cem.va.gov/eligible.htm |
| • Veterans Eligibility Benefits Counselor | 1-800-827-1000 |
| • Obtaining Military Records/Medals | http://www.cem.va.gov/records.htm |

Contact Information...

Pre-Registration Forms and Applications for Interment are available by calling the Cemetery Office at **208-334-4796** or by e-mailing the Office at cemetery@idvs.state.id.us.

Please also feel free to call or e-mail the Office if you have any questions or need further information.

Cemetery Location...

10100 North Horseshoe Bend Road
Boise, Idaho 83714



From west State Street in Boise (Hwy 44), or from Eagle, turn north on N. Horseshoe Bend Rd. (old Hwy 55). This intersection is just east of the new, four-lane Hwy 55 to McCall. The entrance to the Cemetery is just a few hundred yards past the Hill Road intersection.